

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H3753**

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TO:	The Honorable Joe E. Brown, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Healthcare Services to Illegal Aliens		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

This Bill amends the Code of Laws to prohibit a hospital that receives state funds, including Medicaid funds, from providing non-reimbursable, non-emergency healthcare services to an illegal alien unless that person provides payment for those services.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Department of Mental Health (DMH)

The Department indicates this Bill would have no impact on the General Fund of the State, or on Federal and/or other Funds. Only a small number of admissions to DMH hospitals are for non-emergency care. If any of those admissions are for an illegal alien, the patient could be charged a daily rate (although collection may be unobtainable). Occasionally illegal aliens are court-ordered into non-emergency care in DMH's forensic program. However, this program is not technically considered a hospital.

Department of Health and Human Services

The Department reports this Bill would have no impact on the General Fund of the State, or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)

Although the numbers of illegal aliens receiving non-emergency health care services is undeterminable, MUSC anticipates the impact to be minimal.

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